

## BELVA LOCKWOOD IS 86 YEARS OLD

Noted Lawyer and Equal Rights Advocate Is Showered With Congratulations.

### ACTIVE IN PEACE WORK

Mrs. Belva Lockwood—the only woman who has ever been a candidate for President of the United States, the first woman admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the one person to whom women employed in the government service are indebted for the law which gives them equal pay with men—is celebrating her eighty-sixth birthday anniversary today in her home, 304 Indiana avenue northwest.

In spite of her advanced years, Mrs. Lockwood, although retired from active practice of the law, still is active in public matters. Known throughout the world since 1859 as a leading worker for international peace, she is now assisting Robert Goldsmith in preparing a handbook treatise on the peace movement for the League to Enforce Peace, furnishing data which she can supply with more accuracy and authority than any other person in the world. Her birthday wish is that she can live to attend the meeting of the league here next May which is to bring delegates from all the nations of the world. Only the other day Mrs. Lockwood showed her interest in national politics by making an address favoring the reelection of President Wilson, in which she gave seven reasons why she wants the women of the country to vote for him, and these have been sent broadcast as campaign literature.

#### Recipient of Many Gifts.

For the last few days Mrs. Lockwood's mail has been heavy with letters of congratulations and gifts from her relatives and friends. She has also received congratulations from many persons of prominence. Women in the government service have not forgotten that it is to her efforts they owe equal chance with men in the federal service, and scores of them have remembered her with visits and flowers on this anniversary.

For more than fifty years Mrs. Lockwood has been a daily reader of The Star. She read it even before she came to Washington in 1866. In fact, Mrs. Lockwood said today that it was The Star that persuaded her to come to Washington. She was then a school teacher. Considering the advisability of moving to Washington, she decided that the best recommendation for any city is found in the principal newspaper published there, so she read The Star, then a small four-page issue, carefully. She has been reading it ever since.

It was in 1884 that Mrs. Lockwood was nominated for the presidency, by the woman's equal rights party, on August 25, in San Francisco, Cal., and although her campaign lacked a strong supporting organization and money for expenses, she polled a creditable number of votes. She was renominated in 1888, her platform containing many of the advanced ideas of present administration. Although these nominations came unolicited, she campaigned with vigor, even carrying the election before Congress, protesting that Cleveland was not elected.

#### Handled 7,000 Pension Cases.

Mrs. Lockwood has outlived three sets of judges and three sets of lawyers. She was in active practice of law in the District for forty-three years and has only just retired. During her legal career she participated in more than 7,000 pension cases. Her last speech in court was last year in the Court of Claims for settlement of the estate of Gen. John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee, on which she had been engaged for more than seven years.

Among the famous cases in which she was engaged was Eastern and Emigrant Cherokees against the United States government, in which she was one of the attorneys of record who won a \$5,000,000 verdict. She was one of the twenty attorneys in the celebrated Winton case; assisted Bonducaux in the Chipewa case; figured in important litigation benefiting the Mississippi Choctaws and was engaged in the defense before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and had charge of the Gage insanity case, in which she won an important victory in settling the status of the disease paranoïa and in freeing her client.

By her efforts in the peace movement Mrs. Lockwood won probably her greatest fame and world-wide recognition. It was only three years ago, just before the war in Europe, that Mrs. Lockwood was one of a party of eighteen sent to Europe with a peace message to the women of the world. Today she received from The Hague, from the Central Organization for a Durable Peace, of which Dr. H. C. Dreeschuijs of Holland is president, a letter asking her advice and co-operation in further development of the peace movement.

#### Long a Worker for Peace.

She has been a member of the Universal Peace Union for thirty-six years. For more than a quarter of a century she has attended the International Peace Bureau, at Bern. She attended her first peace congress in 1885 and was seated on the right hand of Frederick Passy of Lille, who presided. One of her notable works has been the compilation of the peace treaties of the United States. Mrs. Lockwood prepared and had introduced in Congress the first bill recommending an international arbitration court, and during Cleveland's first administration, 1886, the State Department sent her to the Congress of Charities and Corrections, in Geneva, Switzerland. While on this mission she visited the Seventh International Peace Congress in Budapest, the exposition

### CELEBRATES 86TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.



MRS. BELVA LOCKWOOD.

in commemoration of securing 100 years of freedom by the Hungarians from the Turks, and the Second International Woman's Congress, presenting at the latter an extensive paper on the "Civil and Political Life of Women in the United States."

Later she represented the Universal

Peace Union at the Paris exposition of 1889, and was its delegate to the International Peace Congress in Paris in 1889 and in London in 1890. In 1913 she was chairman of a committee of thirty women from as many states and nations to formulate the declaration of independence of the Congress of the Women's Republic. Later she was made attorney general of the Woman's Republic, which has an upper and lower branch of congress and is an educational, agricultural and commercial body.

#### Born at Royalton, N. Y.

Mrs. Lockwood was born at Royalton, N. Y., October 24, 1830. Her maiden name was Belva Ann Bennett. She was graduated from Genesee College in 1857. For eleven years she taught at the Lockport, N. Y., Union School and the Gainesville, N. Y., Seminary, and was proprietor of the McNall Seminary, Owego, N. Y. During the civil war she was president of the Ladies' Aid Society of Lockport, and at the same time moved to Washington. When she first came to this city she was employed for a year as teacher in a private school conducted by Miss Margaret Harrover and her sister. She then opened a school of her own in Union League Hall, on 17th street, which she continued for seven years.

She worked for and obtained in 1870 the passage of a bill in Congress giving women employees of the government equal pay for equal work with men. Prior to that they had been restricted to \$15 a month. She was graduated from the National University Law School in 1873, with the degree B. L., and admitted after a hard struggle to the District of Columbia bar. In 1876 she obtained the passage of a bill, which she drafted, admitting women to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and she was the first woman admitted under it. In 1878 she was likewise admitted to the United States Court of Claims, to the supreme courts of the states of New York and Virginia and to the court of the five civilized Indian tribes at Muscogee, I. T., where she had many important cases.

#### Was Twice Married.

Mrs. Lockwood was married twice, first at Royalton, N. Y., November 8, 1848, to Uriah H. McNall, a farmer, who died in 1853. She was married the second time in Washington, March 11, 1868, to Dr. Ezekiel Lockwood, chaplain in the civil war of the 2d District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry. He died April 23, 1877. She had two daughters, one by each marriage, both of whom are dead. Mrs. Lockwood has few relatives living.

A favorite grandson in serving with the Signal Corps of the District of Columbia at Nogales—De Forrester Ormes. A nephew, Mathias Gardner, is a student in the Naval Academy at Annapolis. His father formerly was in the bureau of soils here, but now is professor in State College, Pa. She has a niece, Miss Helen Bennett, in Indianapolis, where her brother is blind and crippled. All of these relatives sent her gifts for her birthday.

A feature of the celebration today is a large birthday cake, elaborately frosted and carrying the inscription, "Birthday Greetings—aged 86." Occupying a place of honor in Mrs. Lockwood's home today as her friends are calling to extend congratulations is a life-sized portrait of herself, which was sent her for the occasion by Dr. Minnie Bishop of Chicago.

#### Bishop Harris Among the Guests.

Bishop Merriman C. Harris of Japan and his two sisters, Mrs. Emily Harris McIntosh of this city and Mrs. J. H. Reed of Omaha, Neb., who are enjoying a family reunion here previous to Bishop Harris' return to Japan for permanent residence, were among Mrs. Lockwood's guests last night.

It was a triple anniversary celebration, for it was just forty-three years ago that Bishop Harris left for Japan, the voyage being also his wedding trip. Mrs. McIntosh was celebrating her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. She also was engaged in missionary work for forty years.

fifteen of which she spent on the Pacific coast among the Japanese. It was just thirty-one years ago that Mrs. McIntosh first came to Washington to report to Congress on a polygamy in Utah during the administration of President Chester A. Arthur. At that time she was a house guest of Mrs. Lockwood, and the friendship and intimacy have continued through the years that have since elapsed. They always celebrate their birthdays together.

#### DISCUSSION CLUB, Y.W.C.A., TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Discussion Club of the Young Women's Christian Association, which is to take up talks on "Christian Ideals of Character," will hold its first meeting at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, with Mrs. Theodora Crosby Ellis leader. Tomorrow's subject will be "Character and the Meaning of Life." Plans are under way for the holding of a Halloween party at the headquarters building Saturday night. Miss Ardel Payne is chairman of the committee in charge. The Sunday afternoon vesper services are to be held at Vacation Lodge, Cherrydale, Va., at 1 o'clock, with the South American Club in charge. Mrs. Edward Hale of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is to be the principal speaker. A feature of yesterday's conference of girls' clubs was the tentative outlining

of plans to increase the scope of the work of the local girls' clubs by introducing them into the grade schools. This movement is to be under the direction of Miss Edith Powers, secretary of the girls' work committee. Mrs. C. C. Goss of Terre Haute, Ind., who spoke at the afternoon round table discussion of the mercantile and high school clubs, stated that Washington is far behind her town in club work. Other speakers at yesterday's conference were Miss Florence M. Brown, Miss Gertrude Griffith, Miss Edith Powers, Miss Norma Schwendener, Miss Ruth Keeney and Miss Helen Hughes.

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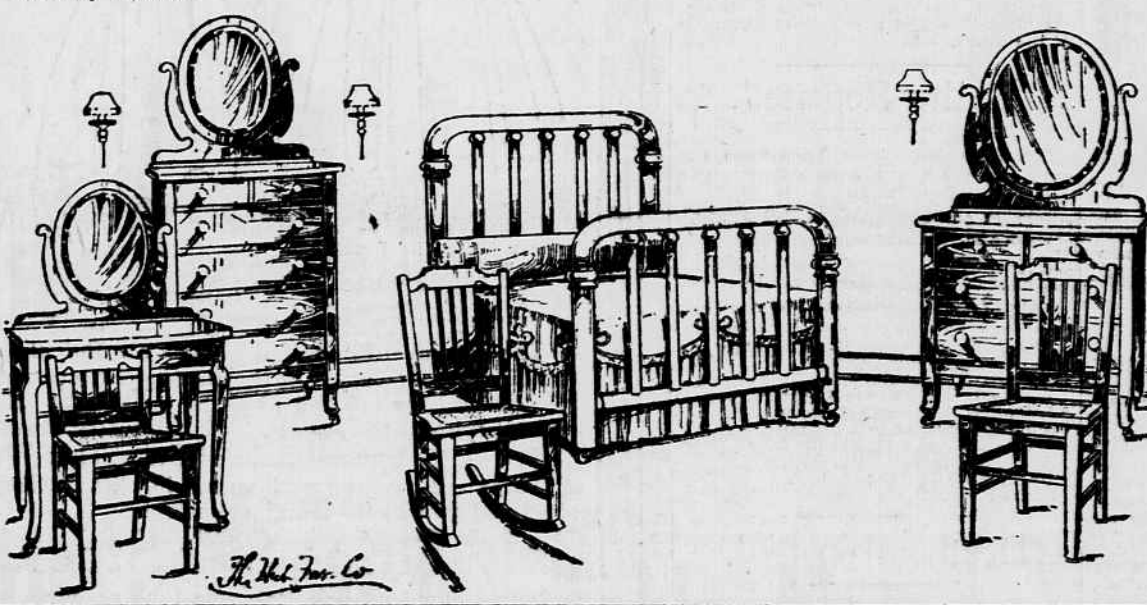
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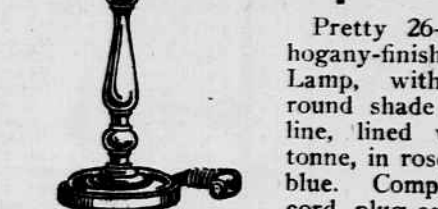
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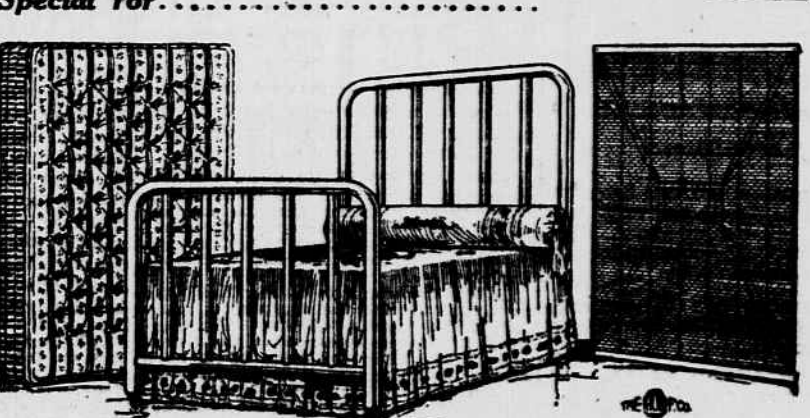
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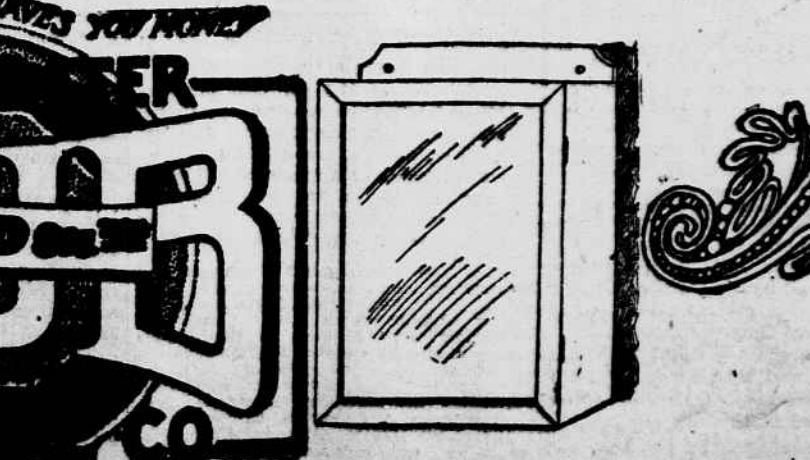
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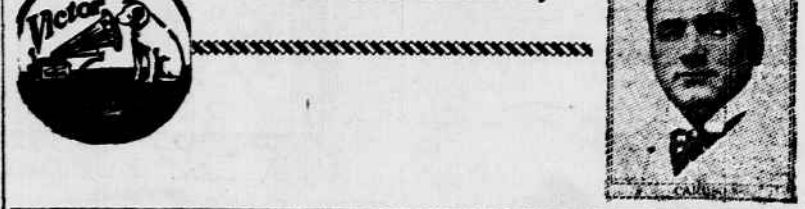
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